

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph under the heading "RELATED APPLICATION" with the following amended paragraph:

The instant application is a continuation-in-part, division of U.S. Serial No. 09/949,900 filed ~~September 21, 2001~~ September 12, 2001, owned by the same assignee as the instant application.

Please replace paragraph on page 7, lines 1-15 with the following amended paragraph:

Automated machines and methods for simultaneously injecting a large number of eggs are known. In one well known commercial machine, the eggs in the incubating trays are brought under a bank of injectors which house both needles and punches. First, the punches open a hole in the egg shell. Then, the needle is inserted into the egg through the open hole, followed by injection of the fluid. The punch is necessary because the needle is long and thin and can not repeatedly punch egg shells without bending and/or clogging. This system is shown, for example, in U.S. Patent No. ~~4,691,063~~ 4,681,063 to Hebrank. In another machine, such as shown in U.S. Patent No. 6,240,877 B1, the injectors house a single needle which both punches the hole in the egg shell with a closed needle end and then delivers the fluid